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## THE DUTY TO PROVIDE HISTORY WITH RAW MATERIAL

INTERESTING information might be given of a burglar on a railroad train without in the least assailing the honesty of the train. So various forms of pretense, hypocrisy and self seeking might tag onto a political party, without leaving the whole mass of it with corruption.

One hopes that a self respecting man may still be a member of the Republican party without being regarded as a suspicious person.

The interesting information which might have been put upon the record, had the King-Light libel suit come to trial, might not have painted the Republican party black. It might have exposed to the view of confiding Republicans, the real quality of some Republican leaders, who have more power than value in the organization to which they attach themselves.

Mr. Light has occupied a position in which many facts become known. Some of those facts would not be of a quality to bear statement, unless there was opportunity to summon evidence and examine witnesses under oath.

Being sued for libel while he was denouncing underground transactions of the legislative machine, it was to be expected that Mr. Light would avail himself of the judicial process, by which he could prove not only what he had claimed about political matters, but even more.

The Farmer, not being in Mr. Light's confidence, does not in the least know what facts he might have exhibited.

One may hope, at least, that his evidence would have covered those transactions testified to before Commissioner Prouty, by one whom the Courant ever delighted to honor.

This gentleman already has told how he had \$200,000 of the money of stockholders of the New Haven Company, which he used with such deftness, and with such effect on public opinion, that a legislature never noted for keeping its ear to the ground voted unanimously for a railroad bill. More facts are needed about the transaction, whether the state is to have them or not.

Perhaps the case might have enlightened the world as to the quality of hypnotic power by which a now retired president of a great railroad deceived the Courant until it thought him the greatest man in the world.

There are many such facts, waiting only for judicial opportunity, which now will remain buried, more's the pity.

We agree with our contemporary that information of such value should not be let depart unrecorded.

We hope Mr. King will press his suit to the court of last resort. We hope Mr. Light will summon the witnesses from far and wide. History needs raw material. The material of this suit would be very raw.

## GARBAGE COLLECTION IN TRENTON

WHEN COMMISSION government took over Trenton it found the collection of garbage and ashes in full swing. The garbage had the peculiarity of coming to the incinerator wet. Oh, very wet! The commission had the material drained and wrapped, with the result that the weight was reduced, and it burned easier, so less coal was used. The cost of collecting garbage was brought to 96 cents a ton. Ashes were collected at 85 cents a ton. The city sells the ashes, or uses them to fill public land. The whole transaction is more profitable than it used to be.

## THE MEANING OF A "YES" VOTE

THE ELECTION of June 19 will be operated much like any other election. The voting machines will be set up as usual. Three questions will appear, relating to commission government. No 1 is the important question. If you believe in studying further into this system of non-partisan administration, your vote will be "yes." This vote is equivalent to an order for a commission charter, which in turn will be submitted to the electors when it is ready. The vote of Saturday is but a beginning. It simply means that the citizens are willing to study into the question, to see whether the commission plan is adapted to their needs.

Under these circumstances a "yes" vote will be conservative and public spirited.

## ABUSING MR. BRYAN

AFTER TWENTY years of hammering Mr. Bryan, American newspaper editors, many of them, continue in the fatuous idea that their views have destroyed the distinguished statesman. Now that he has resigned from the cabinet every sort of editorial penman is taking a whack at him and, generally, increasing his prestige.

Mr. Bryan has made what men would ordinarily count a sacrifice for his opinions. He has laid down a great office, a place to which lesser men would cling until hope of holding it had disappeared.

What he has done cannot possibly have an evil effect upon the future. It may have a good effect. It can do no harm to think peace until war is inevitable. If war is inevitable, it can go on without Mr. Bryan. In the meantime the abuse of a big, and more than usually conscientious man, is revolting to justice and common sense.

## ST. VITUS.

This is the feast day of St. Vitus, whose name is popularly associated with the nervous or hysterical affection which impels the victim to violent motion. A chapel near Ulm was dedicated to St. Vitus, and it was believed by the Germans that good health for a year could be assured by bringing gifts to his image and dancing before it on the fifteenth of June. The intercession of St. Vitus was thought to be especially valuable in cases of hysteria among young girls and women, and the dance of St. Vitus became an orgy of religious frenzy. People who were sound of body and nerves were so affected by the sight of the dancing, convulsions and hysteria of the girls that they themselves joined in the orgy, and gradually the name of St. Vitus dance was applied to all afflictions involving involuntary muscular motion, although the modern medical practice it is recognized as a specific disease. The saint whose name has thus become popularized lived in the fourth century. Vitus was a Sicilian boy who was converted to Christianity by his nurse. He fled to Italy to escape the wrath of his pagan father, and fell a martyr under the persecution of Diocletian.

Government experts say insect pests destroy \$800,000,000 worth of crops yearly, probably not including the boys that steal fruit.

As soon as a man gets an automobile he seems to develop a lot of sick friends who have to be visited Sundays.

The fact that the class prophesies seem unlikely to be fulfilled may not prevent the prophets from getting jobs in the weather bureau.

## Mme. Schumann-

Heink, Famous Singer,  
Daughter of a Soldier

Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, the famous singer, was born at Lieben, near Prague, Bohemia, fifty-four years ago today. The celebrated contralto, who has made a fortune with her voice and yet had time to rear eight children, was the daughter of an officer in Francis Joseph's army and remained an Austrian subject until a few years ago, when she swore allegiance to Uncle Sam. She was educated in a nunnery, the convent of the Ursuline nuns, and it was there that she made her first reputation as a singer. After leaving the convent she took singing lessons, and at the age of seventeen made her operatic debut at the Dresden Opera House, as Azucena in "Il Trovatore." She was then known by her maiden name of Ernestine Roessler.

When she was twenty the girl singer married a man named Heink and resolved to abandon her professional career and devote herself to the duties of wifehood and motherhood. The career of the contralto was too powerful to be resisted, however, and in 1883 she joined the opera company at Hamburg. In 1890 she made her debut in Boston, and her immediate success. Her married life had not been happy, and in 1893 she made her first appearance in the divorce court. Not long afterward she became the bride of Paul Schumann, an actor, and the name she afterward made famous is a hyphenated combination of the names of her first two husbands. In 1897 she sang in London, and the following year she made her visit to America, making her debut in Chicago. The singer became very fond of America, and soon decided to make it her home. In 1904, while she was singing in Boston, her second husband, Paul Schumann, died. The following year she was married to William Rapp, Jr., of Chicago. She divorced him in Chicago last year, following years of reprehensible conduct which had attracted wide attention as attacks had been made upon the singer's reputation. In instructing the jury, however, the judge said: "No evidence has been introduced which with all possible inferences and implications, would tend to prove that the complainant is other or has been other than a good wife to the defendant and a chaste and virtuous woman."

Mme. Schumann-Heink, during her European career, received decorations from no less than nine European courts, and she has sang before nearly all the "crowned heads" of Europe.

700th Anniversary  
of Magna Charta To  
Be Observed Today

In every continent of the globe there will be held celebrations today to mark the 700th anniversary of Magna Charta, the foundation of English liberty. This "Great Charter" inaugurated a new era for the world, and its influence has been felt in all parts of the world, but throughout the mighty empire she has mothered and in the republics of the New World which, seven centuries ago, was still undiscovered. Ever since that fifteenth of June, 1215, when the rebel barons forced King John to attach his unwilling signature to the Magna Charta at Runnymede, the Anglo-Saxon has cherished an ideal of political freedom, and that ideal has developed into the powerful democracy of today and will blossom forth in the greater democracy of tomorrow.

Magna Charta restored the rights which the monarchs had abused, prevented the imposition of taxes without the consent of the great council, set up the famous Magna Carta corpus as a bulwark of individual liberty and inaugurated the reign of justice by establishing the jury system, and instituted many other reforms. From King John to the present day, the immortal document the barons braved the displeasure of the Pope and the church, and later, with the approval of the Pope, the king tried to tear up the charter.

Magna Charta, important as it was but the first step toward free government. The next was the meeting in Oxford of the first assembly to which the name of Parliament was officially applied, and this body became the guardian of Magna Charta. In 1264 the burghers and petty nobles were admitted to Parliament, and the following year the representatives of the counties and cities were elected, marking the beginning of the House of Commons. Within a century after Magna Charta the Parliament had become sufficiently powerful to curb the extravagance of royalty and to make the king respect the law.

Spirit of Magna Charta emigrated to the New World with the landing of the first English settlers, and it was that spirit which later caused Englishmen to revolt against the mother country and set up a new republican government. George III. for all his armies of German mercenaries, could no more prevail against those aroused farmers and shopkeepers of the New World than King John and his successors could cope with the barons and burghers of an earlier time.

There is a wealth of evidence to prove that Magna Charta was powerful in inspiring the patriots of the American revolution. The favorite union device of that period was that originated by John Hall, the publisher of the New York Journal, after the adjournment of the first Continental Congress in 1774. He had a column standing upon a document labelled "Magna Charta" and firmly grasped, as a pillar indicating inalienable rights, by twelve hands, representing the twelve colonies—Georgia not having had a representative in the first Congress. The whole was surrounded by a large serpent, perfect, and in two coils, on whose body were the following words: "United now, alive and free, Firm on this basis liberty shall stand, And thus supported, ever bless our land. Till time becomes eternity."

Irish on Way to France.  
London, June 15.—Lieut.-Gen. Sir Bernard T. Mahon and the Tenth Division sailed last night and today from Southampton for France. The command numbers about 16,000 men, of whom about half are Irish, the rest being largely Welsh and English, with a few Scotch.

The artillery contingent is said to be well in drill. This is the criticism of several of the officers of artillery.

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## Millinery.

The D. M. Read Company and the Halligan  
Millinery Shop in Strong Combination

The good news that Millinery is ready comes with a joyful surprise to the women of Bridgeport. As the Read House will from now on assume the character of a Woman's Specialty Store in every particular and detail, the management have been considering the question of Millinery very seriously, feeling justly that when a new department is added it must be in keeping with the high standing that has been maintained by the Read House for more than half a century. Therefore, when there came the opportunity to purchase the Halligan Millinery Establishment and take over not only the stock of high class merchandise, but the assistance and good will of Mr. and Mrs. Halligan with their coterie of efficient assistants, it seemed exactly in line with Read policy, one old and established business added to another, of the same high standing for the Halligan Millinery Shop is only a few decades behind the Read House in its business life. That has been accomplished, and now

The New Read Millinery Department will be  
under the direct and personal supervision of  
Mr. and Mrs. William E. Halligan

We trust it will please our patrons. It certainly pleases us, and we shall go on together with a new impetus in our business life to the encouragement of everyone.

Announcement regarding Clearance Sales of Halligan Millinery previous to removal will follow, these sales to be held at the Halligan Shop on Broad St.

## The D. M. Read Company.

## GEN. RUNDLE

Gen. Sir Leslie Rundle, commander-in-chief of the military forces in Great Britain and Ireland, is a native of Devon, and is in his sixtieth year. The man to whom has been entrusted the task of defending the British Isles against possible invasion has had a long and distinguished army career. He is a close friend and former companion-in-arms of Earl Kitchener, and belongs to the military school of "K. of K." He is the son of a naval officer, and was christened Henry Macleod Leslie, but when he arrived at the age of five he dropped the first two names as superfluous for a busy man. After graduating from the Woolwich Military School he entered the Royal Artillery in 1876, and reached the rank of major-general twenty years later. In the interval he served gallantly in the Zulu war, the first Boer conflict, and in the Egyptian, Sudan and Dongola campaigns. He was at the ready battle-scarred veteran when he went to South Africa in 1900 as commander of a division of the South African field force. Since then he has served the empire in many other capacities. He was a classmate of Kitchener at Woolwich, and they met again during the Sudan campaign, where Kitchener and Rundle, disguised as Arabs, faced death together many a time. Of the many stories told of this association of two youths destined for military glory, the most interesting deals with the English lessons given to a native chieftain by the chief of address Kitchener as "Mighty Kitchener, great damn fool!" This the chief innocently did, much to the amusement of his associates, who fully appreciated the joke.

SHIP-BUILDING RECORD  
SMASHED ON VESSEL  
FOR PANAMA OFFICIALS

Washington, June 15.—What is declared by navy department officials to have been a new record in the expeditious delivery of vessels was established recently in the case of the big collier Achilles, built by the Maryland Steel Company at Sparrow's Point, Panama Canal. The Achilles, launched Tuesday and Wednesday of last week held her acceptance trials. Thursday morning she was turned over to the Panama Canal officials at Norfolk. In the afternoon the contractors removed their crew and the Panama Railway Company had put its crew on board by Friday morning. Friday afternoon the vessel steamed out of the harbor for Panama in regular service with a full cargo of 12,500 tons of coal. The vessel was finished two months ahead of the contract time.

MOOSE WILL RECEIVE  
CANDIDATES TONIGHT.

Many candidates will receive the initiatory degree this evening at the meeting of the Loyal Order of Moose to be held in Moose hall. Several new features will be shown by the degree team. A smoker will be held at the close of the business session.

Despondent Youth  
Suicides By Poison,  
Over Love Affair

Bristol, Conn., June 15.—H. Edward Grant, 24, committed suicide at his home here today by taking poison. He was despondent, it is said, over an unsuccessful love affair.

Columbus Home & School  
Association Will Meet

A meeting of the Columbus Home & School association will be held Tuesday evening, June 15th at 8 o'clock, at Columbus school. Mayor Clifford B. Wilson will be present, also Mrs. C. B. Naramore, organizer and secretary of Maplewood avenue. Parents and teachers association, and possibly Dr. C. W. Deane. All persons interested will be welcomed.

Big Forest Fire  
Raging in Norfolk

Norfolk, Conn., June 15.—A destructive forest fire has been burning in the Wood Creek section of the town since Sunday. About 600 acres have been ravaged so far.

## LAWN HOSE

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OUR LEADER, 3/4 INCH  
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10c FOOTOUR WALLABOUT  
VERY STRONG 3 PLY  
DUCK, 12cTEMPEST  
NONE BETTER, VERY  
STRONG, 16c  
MOULDED HOSE  
13c to 16cTHE ALLING  
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## Suggestions for Graduation Gifts.

Now that the tasks and lessons ending, and for many lads and girls school, in its literal sense, will be dismissed, it will be the happy privilege of friends and relatives to send the young students on their way with gifts in remembrance. The workaday world is before them, and after the happy and somewhat tearful class day and the glory Commencement with the dignity of cap and gown, after all the farewells are said there is a sort of collapse of the spirits, and then gifts are looked on with gratitude. The useful or ornamental gift which does not wear out, the article for desk or table, the picture on the wall, the bit of jewelry, remains a treasure for years, commemorative of an all-important event. We make a few suggestions:

## For Lads and young men

Sleevelinks	Sleeve Buttons
Watchfobs	Scarfpins
Card Case	Traveling Case
Pearl Sets for evening.	Ribbon Guards for eyeglasses
Sleevelinks, shirt and vest or buttons	Gold Collar Buttons
Visiting Cards, with plate.	Fountain Pen

## For Girls

Pearl Beads	Engraved Cards
Gold Beads	Monogram Stationery
Brooch	Slipper Buckles
Ivory Toilet Articles	Silver Frame
Clock	Fountain Pen
Leather Handbag	Silver Penholder
Silver Vase	Silver Pencil
Bracelet	Long Silver Chain

## For the room

Writing Desk or Table	Sewing Table and Chair
Picture	Tea Table

Autograph Fountain pens, engraved free of charge, \$1.50

## Venise All-overs.

Effective Point Venise Laces to make the stylish Bolero Jacket and Coates which look so very dressy and withall appropriate with summer gowns.

Brettonne Nets in white and ecru, for dresses and waists, 72 inches wide, 50 cts to \$2.00.

Lace Section, main floor.

Dainty fine Handkerchiefs  
for the girl graduate

Lace trimmed, filmy affairs of rare fineness, 25 cts to \$1.50  
Point Venise Handkerchiefs, 25 cts to \$2.50  
Main floor.

## The McKay Ventilated Table Pad.

To save the handsome surfaces of Mahogany and Oak Dining Tables. They are made for any size table, in two or three fold. The pads are green flannel on one side, and on top is a white, liquid-proof material like white rubber. Extra leaves as desired.

From \$3.80 to \$10.50, according to size

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At 5 1/2c—Closing out lot cretonnes.  
At 29c—8-4 Ready made sheets.  
At 8c—45x36 pillow cases.  
At 25c—Genuine feather pillows.  
At 8c—Best bathing caps ever shown at price.  
At 8c—Very large mercerised dinner napkins.  
At 8c—Large package joss stick.  
At 5c—Big balls twine or rope.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,  
DISTRICT OF BRIDGEPORT, ss.,  
PROBATE COURT.

June 1, 1915.  
Estate of Everett L. Rogers, late of the town of Bridgeport in said district deceased.

The Court of Probate for the District of Bridgeport, hath limited and allowed six months from the date hereof for Creditors of said Estate to exhibit their claims for settlement. Those who neglect to present their accounts, properly attested, within said time, will be debarred a recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to

JULIA L. ROGERS,  
Administratrix,  
78 Crown St.

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The majority of the graduates of the girls' colleges teach school, and an increasing number take a school of one pupil, in the person of a husband.

Some of the agricultural college students will get practice with a spade at least once when Ivy day comes.

When the Small Boy returns with his head all wet, it is of course the result of perspiration from his arduous work in the garden.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,  
DISTRICT OF FAIRFIELD, ss.,  
PROBATE COURT.

June 14th, A. D., 1915.  
Estate of Charles W. Wilson, late of the Town of Fairfield, in said district, deceased.

The Administrator c. t. a. having exhibited his account with said Estate to this court for allowance, it is Ordered, That the 23rd day of June, A. D., 1915, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Probate Office in Fairfield be, and the same, is assigned for a hearing on the allowance of said account, and this court directs the administrator c. t. a. to give notice thereof, by publishing this order in some newspaper having a circulation in said district, and by posting a copy of this order on the public sign-post in town where deceased last dwelt, and by leaving with, or by mailing in letters addressed to each of the persons interested—a copy of this order, all at least 5 days before said day of hearing, and return make to this court.

Attest:

BACON WAKEMAN,  
Judge.

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The college professors will be busy during the summer delivering courses of lectures to wealthy capitalists on the need of their college for an endowment.